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We, Lawrence J. Tarantino and Sharon A. Tarantino, inventors of furniture described in the accompanying application for a patent, entitled "E.V.A. FURNITURE", in order to verify our claim that our invention has been the subject of unexpected commercial success and unexpected design awards, solemnly swear upon the full penalty of the law, that the data submitted herewith regarding the subject of unexpected commercial success and unexpected design awards is true to the best of our knowledge.

Date 12 JAU - 2004

Lawrence J. Tarantino

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On January /2, 2004, Lawrence J. Tarantino and Sharon A. Tarantino executed the forgoing affidavit in my presence.

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Time Magazine

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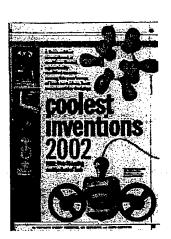
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THE CHICAGO ATHENAEUM

DECEMBER 15, 2003

via FAX +908/359-0473.

Ms. Sharon Tarantino TARANTINO FURNITURE 1423 Main Street Millstone, NJ 08844

Dear Ms. Tarantino:

The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Arthitecture and Design is pleased to announce that your firm has won a GOOD DESIGN™ Award for 2003 for the following:

EVA DVA Child's Chair designed by Tarantino Studio of 2001-2002.

As you may know, the Museum's historic GOOD DESIGN program was founded in Chicago in 1950 by Edgar J. Kaufmann, Jr. with the participation of some of America's most important designers: Eero Saarinen, and Charles and Ray Eames, Alexander Girard, George Nelson, Florence Knoll, Harry Bretoia, Finn Juhl, and Russel Wright—the pione-ring greats of American and modern design.

GOOD DESIGN remains the oldest and most important design competition worldwide.

This year, the Museum received hundreds of submissions (from an airplane to a paper clip) from all over the world for this awards program. The jury selected over 150 products worthy of the GOOD **DESIGN** Award for product distinction.

All awards and winners will be posted on the Museum's website at chi-athenaeum.org January 31.

As a recipient of the GOOD DESIGN Award, we will invite you to send two (2) chairs for the exhibition at The Chicago Athenaeum. (Please see attached sheet.) After the exhibition, the product or products will be accessed into the Museum's Permanent Design Collection.

You may ennounce that your product or products have won a 2003 GOOD DESIGN Award in your press and marketing materials.

If you would like to use the Museum's **QOOD DESIGN Logo** on your website or for your marketing, advertising, literature, and promotion materials, you may do so by entering into a licensing agreement with the Museum. A two-year license is \$1,000 U.S.D.

Again, congratulations for receiving the hluseum's prestigious GOOD DESIGN Award.

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If you have any questions, please contact Joseph L. Maffit at 815/777-4444.

Sincerely,

Ioannis Karalias, Architect Museum Vice Vice President THE CHICAGO ATHENAEUM

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PRESENT SALES & MARKETING DATA

CATALOGS

Design Ideas (Present Manufacturer and Distributor)
Museum of Modern Art
FAO Schwarz Inc.
Uncommon Goods
Chiasso
RISD Works

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PRESENT SALES & MARKETS

• Design Stores and Catalogs

The EVA DVA chair and bench is currently being sold across the country to over 100 design, furniture and museum shops, as well as specialty catalogs at a wholesale price of \$30.00. Over 1000 chairs and benches were sold in the first six months of the product introduction in May 2002. Many well-known prestigious stores have included the chairs in their catalogs, i.e. the Museum of Modern Art, Design Within Reach and Chiasso. Additionally, FAO Schwarz and MoMA selected EVA DVA for their holiday windows and catalogs. In July 2003, a licensing agreement was entered into with Design Ideas, a manufacturer and distributor located in Springfield, Illinois. Design Ideas purchased the remaining inventory of 1000 pieces and is presently expanding the distribution globally. Since July 2003 Design Ideas has sold all 1000 inventory units, as well as an additional new inventory.

· Architects and Designers

Additional markets are being pursued through architects and designers. Over 500 designers have expressed interest in receiving product literature during the International Contemporary Furniture Fair in NYC. Architectural firms have already specified chairs for use in the St. James Hotel, San Jose Public Library system, as well as public children's space in a NYC, which included two residential buildings and a school. Also, chairs have been specified for the public children's room for New York City's first high-rise residential green building presently under construction at Battery Park City.

Daycare, libraries etc.

Direct marketing is being considered to daycare, schools, libraries, doctor's offices and hospitals. Bright Horizons, a corporate daycare provider with over 450 locations plan to purchase the chairs for their facilities within the next few months.

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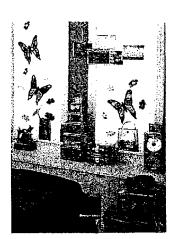
1. Worldwide Distribution - currently a test market is being conducted in Asian and Europe through our manufacturing/distribution agent.

Through the Time Magazine it has been determined that there is significant interest globally.

- 2. Pottery Barn Kids 2 chairs @ 60 stores per week = 6,240 chairs per year
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Design Ideas Catalog

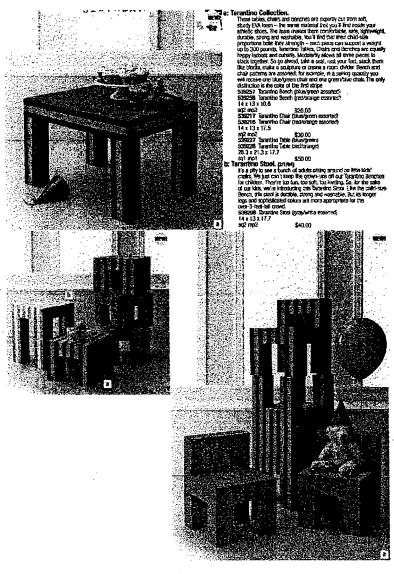
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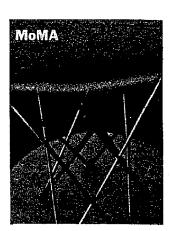




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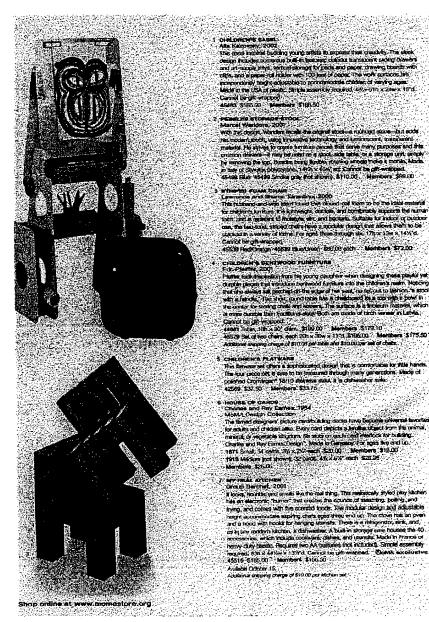
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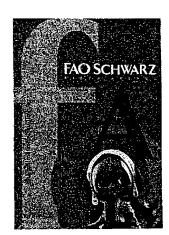
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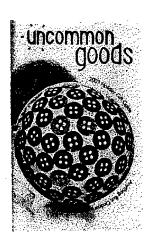
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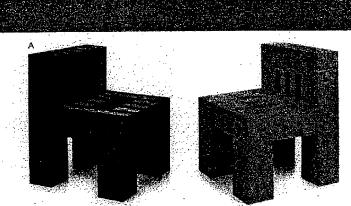
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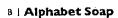
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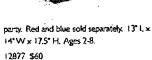


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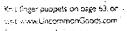
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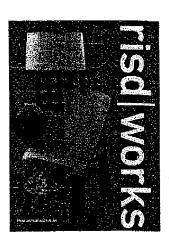
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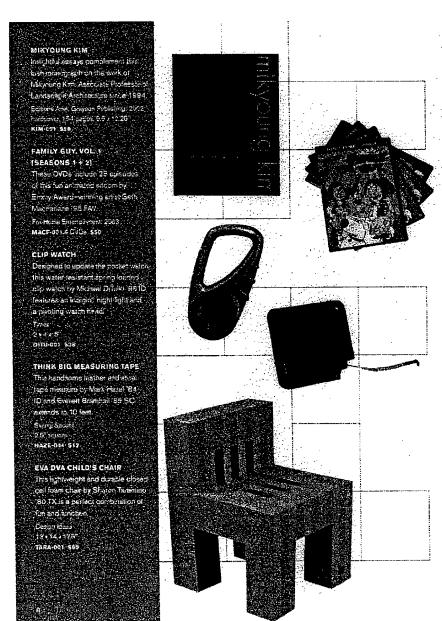
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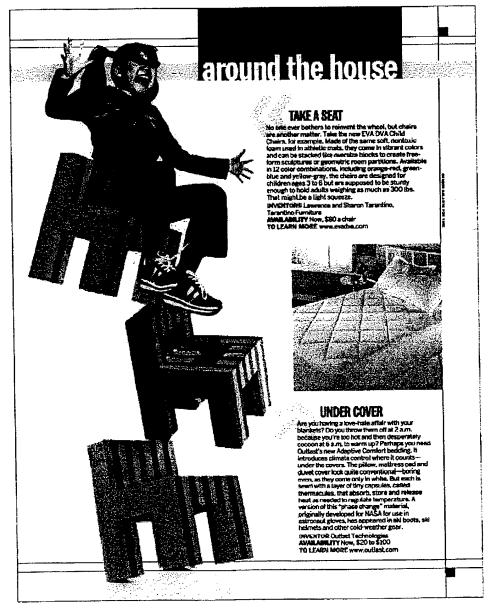
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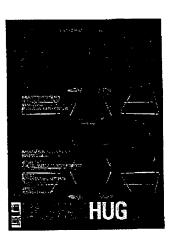




Co-author Anita Hamilton with Al Roker, looking at some of the featured inventions.

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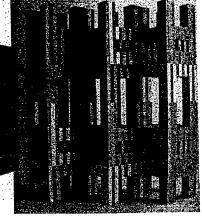


moments and personalities that, according to Branzi, demonstrate an organic relationship between design

This is reflected in the products selected by Michele Zini, an expert on the design of community and children's spaces, after nearly three decades of collaboration between his studio and the educational vices of Reggio Emilia (a reference point for education research centers all over the world). The selection included objects that are historical landmarks, such as those created by Bruno Museri, but elso more recent products, furniture, toys but above all everyday objects conceived to adapt to an increasingly comnomadic family lifestyle, represented perfectly by the Plumcake Kids collection by Terry Pecors and the inflatable objects by MCA & Partners. This category of objects is unified by a curious factor, that of beng created by designer-moms and designer-dade who serious cultural gap that exists in the sector of products for children. And there is also another shared factor, though a less positive one: these products have entered and ented production catalogues rapidly, and some have never been manufactured at all. 'The design for the inflatable pouch -says Eliana Lorena of the studio MCA & Partners- even dates back to 1994, in that period we had produced a series of exhibitions on childhood for "Abitare it tempo": the first was on the concept of a fluid room, or the idea of an organic, soft, welcoming environment, the opposite of the rigid, orthogonal approach connected with the reasoning of industrial production; the next show analyzed, wit reference to different cultural traditions, the possibilities of holding and transporting children against the body. something people were not as aware of in those days". Now the pouch will be produced by Prenatal; in the

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PRIVATE INITIATIVE

in 1877, at the time of its founding, RISC was responding to widespread discussion remail the need for design education based on drawing and testing the principles of art for industries application. The Rhoco Island General Assertaly passed RISU's Act of incorporation on March 22-11 days ofter the state completed a year-long study on whether Rhode Island should follow the lead of Massachusetts and mandate industrial arts abutation in the public schools. This detailed state document reports on curricular int stives in Europe and elsewhere in the US, and imphatically notes that the intended goal is not to teach specing trade skills. T is desired besigned) is some system that will teach the arts, which underlie many industrial occupations," the report stated instruction in grawing since it was considinate branch with the mental training in the higher grades."

Uniden Massochusetts, the state of Rhose taland chose to stend back and let this inharine he lested in the private scalor. This hands off approach to state funding for education was not new indeed. Rhode island had always been slow and late to commit to the idea of publicly funded education. A state board of education was not created until 1870 and it was not until worse 1872 that the clate had failt funded "free" public schools. Thus, RISC was feunded on private initiative in part because of particular local conditions. that relied more heavily on philanthrop & elforts than state funding — a fact that is one of the keys to RISD's tangevity

In the summer of 1878, as RISD presured

Helen Metzail, General Assembly memter Claudius Farnamorth (who had just completed the above-mentioned study) and architect/draftsman/education action the model of its Bosson neighbor, the Nassuchusetts Normat Art School. The RISO mission statement, probably written that same summer, distills the vision of a easign school advecated by Normal Art a bradmaster, Wolfer Smith, probbby the most important champion of design education in the US at the time, It states that RISD's mission is:

First. The instruction of artisans in crawing painting modeling and designing, so that they may successfully apply the principles of Art to the requirements of trade and manufacture;

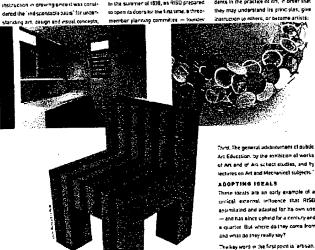
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united school and museum. Although "[ing museum) passively teaches by example and incaugh the display and preservation of extentic records .. while the sanso, actively instructs, the two are seamless," Smith wrote. He preferred the Museum, a difference he bisered to that detween an egalitarian school where everyone could go to be educated and a temb. He \$3% a collection as an integral part of a "toring" school. In the 1870s 80s, there was no separate team at RISO specified as a museum, but the school displayed tasts of great works of art and other embitions throughout its etudios This changed as collecting practices changed in the US and by the 1890s RISD and decicated galleries in his first permanent name - the Waterman Building to cantralize osplays.

At its founding, RISD's .cca of a museum was denice, with museum and collecting gractices across America, especially those et the many school/museum combinglove that sprang up after the Civil Wat. As advication historian Joyce Lenmann nas stown, however, few of these exist today netause of tansions between fine aft museums and schools that arcse in the early zorn century, in tendem with new ideas about the artist as a gériss, not an amisan, RISS has its tensions in this regard. too, but it is remarkable that it has deal! with this productively through a Rexible. adjustme, layering approach to change.

ir's this approach that RISO shares with 15 the very reciplines it teaches; art and design mysive creative process, which by its very nature requires shoughtful, pro-ductive change over time, RISD's longevity and eniongrass are due to the process by which each successive were of slugents, teachers and administrators has dust upon a toundation and adapted to cronging times without erasing the para An auc can be locked to keep out into present, but it can also be a means of preserving the past. This can be a good thing persuse you never know when you тиры неед 10 пилитаца.

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Art Education, by the exhibition of works of Art and of Art school studies, and by lectures on Art and Mechanical subjects.

These ideals are an early example of a croical external influence that RISG assimilated and adapted for its own use - and has since upheld for a century and a quarter But where do they come from

The key word in the first point is 'artisan.' Smith identified the artisan as the what artist/designer, someone who represents the uruon of the hand, the tool and the creative mind. RISD has never changed this first objective.

The key concept in the second point is saudia and shop practice as a means of understanding principles of art, Smith was emphatic about the lact that shops were for instruction, not construction, they were for teaching "thinking makers."

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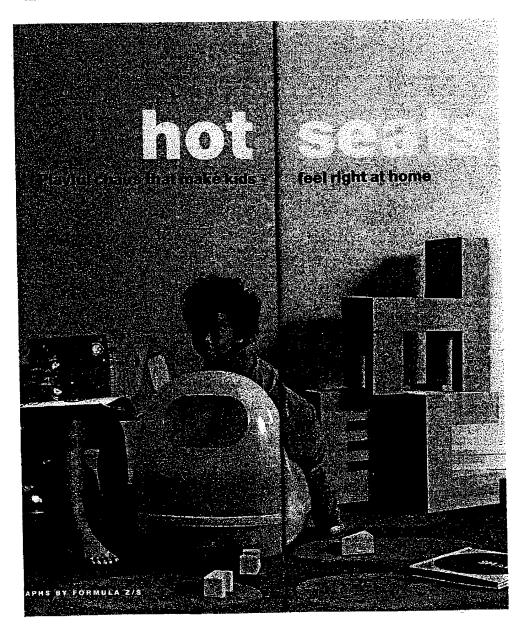
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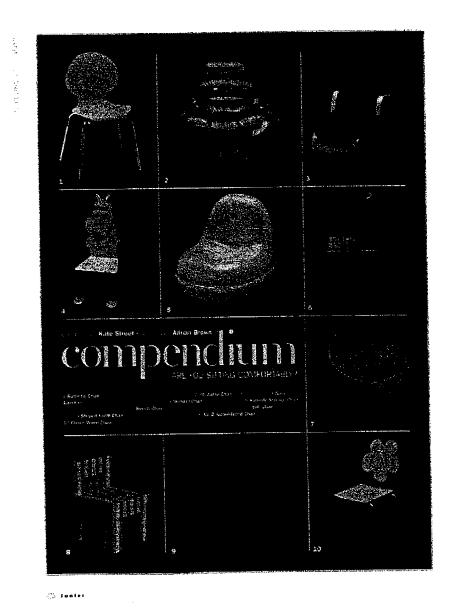
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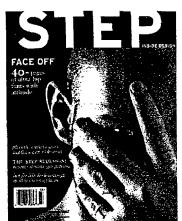


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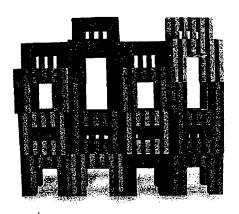
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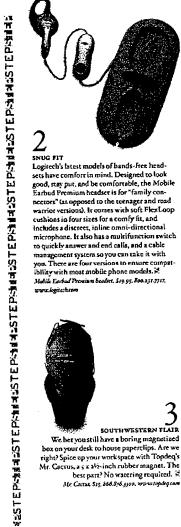
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THE LATEST AND GREATEST TOOLS

Even your clients' kids deserve great design. That's where EVA DVA children's furniture comes in. Developed by the architect/designer team of Lawrence and Sharon Tarantino, the chairs, tables, and benches are made of soft, nontoxic foam (think flip-flops and mats) which makes them stackable ... and strong. Available in the stringed color combinations, such as 12 striped color combinations, such as orange-red or yellow-gray, they add a touch of kid-like sensibility to the office.



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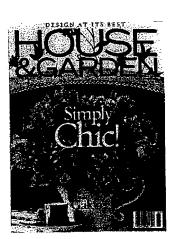


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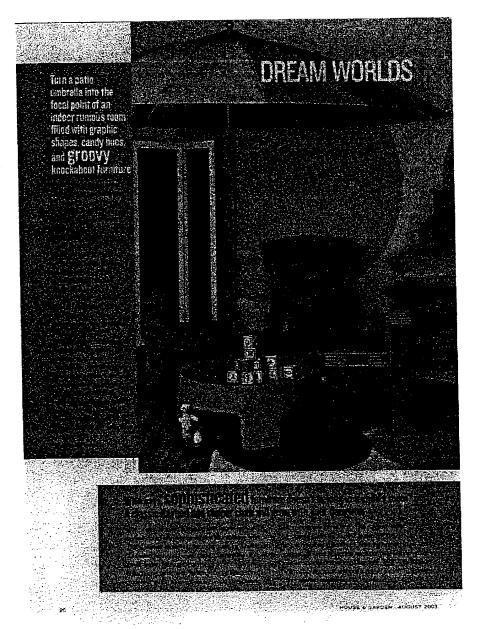
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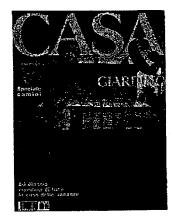
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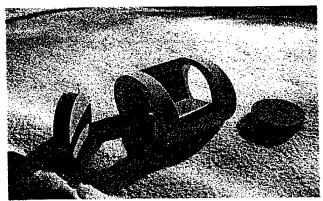
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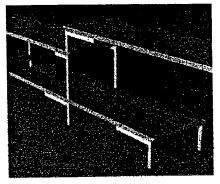
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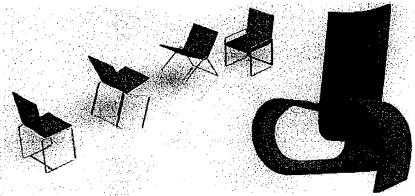
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"CONSUMER BUYING TRENDS SURVEY"

REPORT by Kids Today

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Consumer buying trends

Infant/nursery furniture

High Point — About 1.4 million U.S. households plan to purchase infant and nursery furniture this year. If households spend as planned, they will shell out almost \$900 million on the

While cribs are the most likely infant furniture purchase, the Consumer Buying Trends survey did not specify beyond "infant/nursery furniture." Some households might be looking for just a crib, while others might have any combination of a crib, changing table, dresser and rocking chair on their shopping lists.

With this caveat in mind, infant furniture shoppers in 2003 appear to have bigger budgets than those who bought in 2002. Nationally, households plan to spend a median of \$200 for their infant purchase. That's \$50 more than the median spending for infant furniture in both 2002 and 2000.

Last year, \$5% of households spend under \$200 on their infant purchase. This year only 35% of households say they plan to spend under \$200, and another 35% are planning to spend between \$200 and \$499.

Households that plan to buy infant, also plan to buy ...

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As might be expected, planned spending rises with income. Median planned spend is:

+\$100 or \$150 for households with . incomes under \$30,000 \$200 for households with mounts berweek \$30,000 to \$59,999 \$300 for households with incom een \$60,000 in \$74,999 ; 4\$400 or \$450 for households with incomes of \$75,000 or more.

In fact, if they stick to their buying plans, households with incomes of \$75,000 or more will account for more than one-fourth of infant furniture

Not surprisingly, young couples and young parents are the most likely infant shoppers. Together, these two groups comprise 58% of the households shopping for infant furniture.

Compared to their numbers in the population, young couples are 4.1 times more likely to be in the market for infant furniture and young parents

are 2.9 times more likely. Young couples have budgeted a median of \$500, while young parents bave set aside a median of \$200.

Household heads who are 55 or older — possi-ble grandparents — comprise over one-tenth this year's infant furniture

Percent of households that ...

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Percent of households that plan to buy infant/nursery furniture in 2003 and median budgets



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They are setting aside less than the national median, however. Those between 55 and 64 plan to spend a median of \$80.

Methodology

Kids Today's exclusive Consumer Buying Trends Survey presents a comprehensive look at the demographics of U.S. households that are shopping for and purchasing infant/nursery furniture, youth/teen bedroom and glider rockers.

The information comes from the responses of 31,505 households to a survey conducted in January. The profile of the responding households closely matches the demographic characteristics of all U.S. households. That, coupled with the large sample size (and a response rate of 63%), means that the data can be projected nationally with a margin of error less than 1%.

Kids Today had National Family Opinion, which maintains the largest consumer panel in the industry, poll 50,000 U.S. households to find out about last year's shopping and purchasing patterns and buying plans for this year. The survey also gathered information on how much they spent and plan to spend on each product category.

The survey originally covered 25 home furnishings categories. Results for the furniture product categories were published in Furniture/Today's February 24, 2003, Issue.

The survey did not distinguish between the purchase of new or secondhand furniture. The low end of each price. range, in all likelihood, represents purchases at second-hand stores, tag sales and the like. In addition, the price data is more or less precise depending on the category. It's easy to indicate how much was paid for a glider rocker. However, for infant/nursery furniture, we do not know if the amount spent was only for a crib or for a crib, a changing table and a chest of drawers. 🍇

Terms in this report

Households: All those living together in one housing unit, including family members of unrelated individuals.

Household income: Combined income of all household members. Median: Divides the responses into two equal portions, half above and half

below the median amount. Census regions:

Northeast: Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Cornecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey

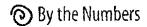
South: Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennesses, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Arhansas,

Michaest: North Dakota: South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, kowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan

West: Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, California, Arizona, New Mexico, Hawaii

Plan-to-buy index: A plan-to-buy index of 100 indicates that a demographic group is planning to buy a product in the same proportion as their presence in the sample. Any number over 100 indicates that the group will be buying a product at a rate higher than their presence in the population.

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Consumer buying trends

Minority infant buying

High Point — Two minority groups are high on the list of infant furniture shoppers this year. Both Hispanic and African-American households are buying at rates exceeding their numbers in the population.

This is especially important because, according to the 2000 Census, nearly one-third of the nation's population belongs to a minority group. It's also a trend that can be expected to continue because a large proportion of minority Americans are young and will be in child-bearing age brackets. In addition, some minority groups, Hispanics in particular, have historically had birth rates higher than other demographic groups.

The fast-growing Hispanic population is definitely a group to court. They are 1.9 times more likely to be in the market for infant products this year than their presence in the population would indicate. They have a plan-to-buy index of 192, the highest among racial and ethnic groups. (The plan-to-buy index compares the percentage of those in a demographic group planning to buy a product with its percentage in the population. If the percentage of the group planning to buy a product is the same as its presence in the population, the index is 100).

Not only are Hispanic households more likely to be shopping for infant furniture, they are also planning to spend more than other ethnic groups. They have a median budget of \$300 - onethird higher than the national median. One-third of Hispanic households planning an infant furniture purchase have budgeted \$500 or more.

Hisnanic households in the Midwest and West represent particularly strong prospects for infant furniture. In both regions they are shopping at rates more than three times their presence in the population.

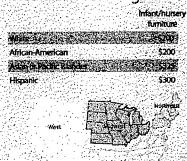
African-Americans, about 12% of the nation's total population, have been growing more slowly than both the Hispanic and Asian-American population groups, but continue to be an important market to court. African-American households have a plan-to-buy index of 118 - meaning they are shopping for infant furniture at a rate nearly 1.2 times their presence in the population. Their budget matches the national median of \$200.

Asian Americans, currently comprising only about 4% of

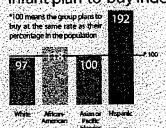
the U.S. population, have been growing at rates faster than even Hispanics. Their higher incomes, the highest of any racial or ethnic group, may explain why their median planned budgets are also the highest, a median of \$325.

According to the U.S. Census, minorities are defined as anyone who is not a "non-Hispanic

Median 2003 budgets



Infant plan-to-buy index



A plan-to-buy index of 100 indicates that a demographic group is planning to buy a product in the same proportion at their presence in the population. Any hamber over 100 indicates that the group plans to buy a product at a rate higher than their presence in the population.

Infant plan-to-buy index, by region

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African-American	148	8	9	129	133
Asian or Parist Stands	100			100	19
Hispanic	100	31	7	141	310

^{*100} means the group plans to buy at the same rate as their percentage in the population.

The luxury infant market

"Luxury infant is defined as \$500 or more."

High Point — Almost one-third of households shopping for infant furniture this year are looking at higher price points - that is, households planning to spend \$500 or more. More importantly, luxury infant purchases will amount to more than \$630 million --accounting for 71% of the total 2003 infant dollars.

So, who should retailers target as a luxury infant consumer?

Those with incomes of \$75,000 or more account for slightly more than one-half of 2003 planned spending at luxury price points, while households with incomes of \$100,000 or more account for 29%.

Education and employment, which are often in tandem with income, have a dominant role within the haxury infant market. More than half of the women and men shopping for luxury have either a four-year college degree or a graduate degree. And, nearly four-fifths of the women shopping at luxury price points hold down full-time jobs while



another 8% have a part-time job. Regionally, households in the Northeast and West plan to buy luxury infant at a greater rate this year than their midwestern and southern counterparts.

Two minority groups are also significant luxury shoppers. In fact, over one-third of all Hispanic infant purchases will be at the highend this year. Hispanics plan to buy

Who's buying infant furniture at the high end?

- Over one-third of Hispanics who are purchasing infant this year plan to buy at the
- Asian: Americans plan to buy luxury infant at a rate 2 times higher than their presence in the population.
- Only 8% of African-Americans plan to buy luxury infant this year.
- Over half of lucury infant buyers have household incomes of \$75,000 or more.
- Almost one-third of luxury infant buyers have household incomes of \$100,000 or
- Households in the Northeast and West will be buying luxury infant at a rate higher than their Southern and Midwestern counterparts.
- Almost three fifths of luxury infant buyers are from Generation X.
- Almost one-quarter of luxury infant buyers are from Generation Y.
- About half of luxury infant buyers live in a large metropolitan area, with a population of 2 million or more.
- Slightly over half of the luxury buyers have either a 4-year college degree or a graduate degree.
- Four fifths of luxury infant buyers have internet access.

than their presence in the population. The smaller but fast-growing Asian-

luxury infant at a rate 2.5 times greater American households plan to buy at a rate 2.2 times greater than their presence in the population.

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By the Numbers 💿

Youth/teen bedroom furniture

High Point — More than 3.4 million households plan to buy youth and teen bedroom furniture in 2003. If these households spend as planned, they'll add nearly \$3 billion to youth furniture coffers.

Most of the households shopping for youth bedroom have kids that are 12 or under:

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Nearly three-fourths of the households planning to buy youth bedroom this year are between the ages of 25 and 44. In fact, 44% of them are young parents. As might be expected because of their age, the incomes are also lower — more than one-half have annual incomes under \$50,000.

Nationally, households plan to spend a median of \$300. By region, households in the Northeast plan on spending the most, a median of \$500 and households in the Midwest plan to spend the least amount, a median of \$200.

As with infant furniture, the planned spending amount might be for one item or for several. The amount being budgeted for youth bedroom rises with household income, but not until household income reaches \$100,000 does the median budgeted amount hit the \$500 mark. Only 16% of households plan to spend \$1,000 or more.

Minorities are excellent prospects for youth bedroom. Hispanics and African-Americans both plan to purchase youth at a rate two times higher than their presence in the population. The median budget for Hispanic households match the national median of \$300, while the median budget among African-American households is a bit less — \$275.

Almost one-third of youth bedroom shoppers are dual-income homes with both spouses working full-time. This translates into time-strapped families with higher incomes — two-fifths of dual-income homes shopping for youth have annual incomes of \$75,000 or more.

Percent of households that ...

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Percent of households that plan to buy youth/teen bedroom in 2003 and median budgets



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\$2,000 or more	5	4	

Chairs that swivel, rock, glide

igh Point — This year, 2.2% of U.S. households — more than 2.4 million — plan to buy a chair that swivels, rocks or glides. This translates into potential spending of nearly \$1.5 billion.

The most popular price points fall between \$300 and \$599 — almost half of the households shopping for a glider rocker this year plan to spend in that range. In the West, where gliders are more popular, pockethooks are opening wider. Western households plan to spend a median of \$400, compared with the national median of \$300.

Gliders are frequently associated with the nursery. But the Consumer Buying Trends Survey reveals that only 10% of households that plan to buy nursery furniture this year also plan to buy a glider.

in fact, two-thirds of households planning to buy a glider rocker do not have children. Some, perhaps, are expecting their first. Grandparent buying can also account for some of this phenomenon since more

Grandparent buying cap also account for some of this phenomenon since more than one-third of households plaining to buy a glider rocker are 55 or older. Another one-fourth of this year's glider shoppers are between 45 and 54. Older households plan to spend more — a median of \$400 for those between 45 and 64 and a median of \$350 for those 65 and older.

But the highest plan-to-buy indices are for heads of households under 35. Those under 25 are 2.5 times as likely to be shopping for a glider than their numbers in the population would indicate. The younger households have smaller budgets, however — a median of \$100 for the under-25 crowd and a median of \$250 for those between 25 and 34.

As with other kids categories, Hispanics are likely purchasers, shopping at a rate that exceeds their numbers in the population. Hispanic households have a plan-to-buy index of 117.

On the other hand, African-American households are not likely to be shopping for gliders. Their plan-to-buy index indicates that they are 15% less likely to be shopping for a glider than their numbers in the population might suggest. White households are slightly more likely to be shopping for gliders than their number in the population (a plan-to-buy index of 102).

Slightly more than three-fifths of glider shoppers have Internet access.

Percent of households that ...

Shopped for glider rockers in 2002:		3.8%	
Bought glider rockers in 2002		2.0	
Plan to buy glider rockers in 2003		22	

Percent of households that plan to buy glider rockers in 2003 and median budgets



The budget percentage of households that

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